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TOPIC Military Information from Jueterbog and the border-Markendorf Troop Training Grounds

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 REMARKS

1. On 9 July 1952, all low wooden buildings were occupied and all kitchens were in operation in Camp border-Markendorf, east of Jueterbog (N 52/W 69). The numbers of motor vehicles had not been changed prior to that time. Forty soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets received instruction on motor vehicle engines and components in Section 11. A total of 32 T-34/85 tanks [REDACTED] and other types of tanks were seen at the parking lot. EM performed maintenance duty. All wooden structures in Sections 12 through 15 were occupied to capacity. However, only individual soldiers were seen during the day. (1)
2. On 18 July, the Fliegerhorst Kaserne in Damm, south of Jueterbog, was occupied by troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets and guarded by sentries who wore either artillery or tank insignia. Six armored personnel carriers and 8 armored scout cars were seen at the Fuchsberg Kaserne on the same day. (2)
3. During the period from 7 to 18 July, the Neues Lager, south of the road to Treuenbrietzen, was lightly occupied. Sentries wearing red-bordered black epaulets were seen. There were rumors that the camp would be occupied by Volkspolizei (VP). (3)
4. At 7:30 a.m. on 4 July, a train carrying 4 rocket launchers and 5 trucks, [REDACTED] stood at the Jueterbog railroad station. A train consisting of five boxcars with personnel wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia and carrying 4 trucks with 37-mm AA guns, 1 truck with a generator and 6 additional trucks [REDACTED] stood at the railroad station at 6 p.m. (1) A train without its locomotive which consisted of 5 boxcars with personnel wearing red-bordered black epaulets and carried 6 trucks, [REDACTED] stood at the station on 10 July. (2) A train of 6 boxcars and carrying 4 x 85-mm AT guns, 4 x 76.2-mm field guns, 4 half-track vehicles and 9 trucks was seen at the railroad station on 17 July, headed toward Wittenberg. On 18 July, a train carrying 63 trucks was seen at the station, headed for Wittenberg. (4)

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5. On 2 and 3 July, the Fliegerhorst Kaserne in Damm, south of Jueterbog, was almost occupied to capacity by artillery units and, to a smaller extent, an air force unit. From 8 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. on 2 July, a train carrying 15 to 20 trucks, [redacted] 4 x 25X1 37-mm AA guns, and including 10 boxcars with about 100 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets was on the spur track of the installation. [redacted] the train was waiting for a locomotive and would then depart. On 3 July, about 40 soldiers performed service of the piece drill on four 76.2-mm field guns and about 100 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets received firing training in the adjoining training area. Forty soldiers practiced firing with rifles at the firing ranges. About 30 soldiers practiced on 4 x 37-mm AA guns placed 200 meters west of the road to Sochow, while 40 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets practiced with 4 to 5 aiming circles. At noon, the train which, on the preceding day, was seen on the spur track, was seen at the Jueterbog railroad station ready to depart in the direction of Littenberg. (2)

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6. On 2 July, the Heidehorn Kaserne of the barracks installations in Jueterbog II was occupied to capacity while the Fuchsberg Kaserne and the new and old Finanzamt were only lightly occupied. Motor vehicle numbers seen in Jueterbog II [redacted]

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7. On 3 July, model M-13 rocket launchers [redacted] were in the Linna Vorstadt. A column, including trucks [redacted] each occupied by 20 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including some with tank insignia, and special truck [redacted] proceeded from Markendorf to Jueterbog II on the same day. They were commanded by a major who wore tank insignia. (5)

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8. Officers' names determined at Altes Lager, 3 km northwest of Jueterbog, during the period from 14 to 18 July, included: Lieutenant Colonel Puchov (fnu), who probably was commanding officer of the camp, Colonel (Arty) Metsnev (fnu), Lieutenant Colonel (armored command) Shirmedanov (fnu) and Lieutenant Colonel Yarevenkov (fnu) at the ammunition depot of the Altes Lager. (5)

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9. [redacted] the Higher Headquarters with four generals previously quartered in Neues Lager had meanwhile moved to Forst Linna. The quarters of the Altes Lager were vacant. [redacted] a tent camp with numerous trucks and 30 guns, including 37-mm guns and others 25-mm guns at the athletic field between Altes Lager and Neues Lager. Truck [redacted] stood nearby. (3)

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10. On 8 July, elements of the troops stationed at the Fuchsberg Kaserne east of the railroad line, started leaving the installation on between 30 and 40 trucks [redacted]

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[redacted] Only little training activity was performed in the installation on 2 July. [redacted] the uniformed women previously stationed there had also left the quartering area. A group of two NCOs and 21 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets armed with seven light machine guns, submachine guns, rifles and aiming silhouettes returned to the installation at 11 a.m. On 10 July, about 20 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with one officer and armed with a machine gun entered the installation on 10 July. They carried full pack and appeared to be very tired. Between 9 and 11 a.m. on 11 July, a total of about 80 soldiers armed with machine guns, submachine guns, [redacted]

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11. Beginning 1 July, the former Adolf Hitler Camp in Forst Zinna was occupied by troops. Sentries wearing red-bordered black epaulets were seen at night. All buildings, which included some furnished with double decker bunks, were occupied to capacity. [redacted] that the troops had come from Muensdorf and prior to moving to the Adolf Hitler Camp, had been quartered in the Neues Lager until the Adolf Hitler Camp was vacated. A steady flow of incoming shipments of billeting equipment and troops was also observed on 4 July. [redacted]

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[redacted] additional tents had been erected at the camp. Six 76-mm AA guns were emplaced southwest of the camp. The personnel was quartered in tents.

12. On 14 July, the former Adolf Hitler Camp in Forst Zinna was apparently occupied to capacity by an army headquarters. No heavy weapons were noticed in the camp. Sentries wearing red-bordered black epaulets and armed with submachine guns, spaced about 80 to 100 meters apart, were posted around the camp. Numerous personnel and officers as well as women in civilian clothing were seen in the buildings which included some furnished with double decker and triple decker bunks. [redacted]

13. On 8 July, there was intensive traffic of individual vehicles and columns of up to six trucks on Highway No 101 coming from the direction of Trebbin and going in the direction of Jueterbog via Luckenwalde. [redacted] the vehicles did not enter the Adolf Hitler Camp in Forst Zinna. Motor vehicle [redacted] included [redacted] five additional trucks with billeting equipment and a total of about 40 soldiers, motor vehicles [redacted] carrying billeting equipment [redacted] and numerous other motor vehicles. (7)

14. During the period from 14 to 19 July, the following data on Soviet units [redacted] at the Jueterbog laundry were obtained.

| | [redacted] | | Remarks |
|--|---------------------|--|---|
| | Number of Shirts | | |
| | 1,017 | | Tank unit, red-bordered black epaulets, in the Turm Kaserne |
| | 173 | | Tank unit, red-bordered black epaulets, in the Turm Kaserne |

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| | Number of Shirts | Remarks |
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| | 769 | Tank unit, red-bordered black epaulets, in the Bleidorn Kaserne |
| | 42 | Artillery unit, red-bordered black epaulets, in the Bleidorn Kaserne |
| | 108 | Tank unit, red-bordered black epaulets, in the Bleidorn Kaserne |
| | 387 | Tank unit, red-bordered black, epaulets in the Hindersin Kaserne |
| | 186 | Tank unit, red-bordered black epaulets, in the Fuchsberg Kaserne |
| | 152 | Tank unit, red-bordered black epaulets in the Fuchsberg Kaserne |
| | 408 | Tank unit, red-bordered black epaulets in the Fuchsberg Kaserne |
| | 91 | Artillery unit, red-bordered black epaulets in the agricultural school |
| | 78 | Bakery in Neues Lager |

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16. The periodical "The Tankist", Issue No 4, dated April 1952,

contained the names of a number of officers who contributed articles, namely Lieutenant Colonel I. Savushkin, Lieutenant Colonel I. Kotenko, Colonel I. Kravetski, Senior Lieutenant V. Oleynik, Colonel (Tech) Z. Karakozov, Colonel V. Mikhaylov, Lieutenant Colonel A. Pavlov, Major B. Varenyshev, Guards Lieutenant Colonel M. Lokot, Major I. Medvedev, Colonel (Tech) Z. Marasanov, Guards Captain B. Holotov, Colonel (Tech) D. Budenko, Guards Lieutenant Colonel (Tech) A. Zubkov, Lieutenant Colonel I. Alekseyev and Major General of the Armored Command V. Zelinski. (1)

Comments.

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As Section 11 housed the 52d Gds Tank Regt in 1951 and as the 78th Gds Tank SP Regt was in Section 11 this year as it had been in 1951, it is probably that the tanks observed in Section 11 belong to the 52d Gds Tank Regt stationed at the Roselar Kaserne. The observation that the other camp sections are occupied to capacity confirms that the bulk of the 6th Gds Tank Div was stationed in Werder-Markendorf until 9 July 1952.

the 78th Gds Tank SP Regt, located in Section 11 of the Camp Werder-Markendorf.

(2) The Fliegerhorst Kaserne in Damm and the Bleidorn Kaserne, see paragraphs 2, 4, 5, and 6, are believed to still be occupied by elements of the 11th Gds Mecz Div. The air force unit in the Fliegerhorst Kaserne in Damm reported in paragraph 5 of the present report was not previously carried there. the unit on the train mentioned in the same paragraph, which was observed on a spur track at the Fliegerhorst Kaserne in Damm and carried AA guns, belonged to the 2497th AAA Regt of the 11th Gds Mecz Div.

This train returned from Lustrow on 10 July 1952. No details concerning the occupation of the Fuchsberg Kaserne or of the new and old Finanzamt are contained in the present report. The 118th Engr Bn (US) of the 11th Gds Mecz Div which was stationed at the Fuchsberg Kaserne is believed stationed in the engineer training area of the Third Gds Mecz Army in Bittenberg during the period of observation.

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[REDACTED]

(3) The present information confirms the transfer of the army head-
quarters of the Third Gds Necz Army from the temporary quarters in the
Neues Lager to the Adolf Hitler Camp south of Forst Zinna. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] there were plans to have VP occupy the Altes
Lager and Neues Lager. [REDACTED] AAA units of the Fourth Gds Necz
Army which were stationed in Justerbog for firing practices since early
June 1952. [REDACTED]

(4) [REDACTED] the rocket launchers
seen on the train in the morning of 4 July 1952, belonged to the 11th Gds
Necz Div. The train which carried 27-mm AA guns and was observed in the
afternoon on 4 July 1952 probably is identical with train [REDACTED] to
Kembukow [REDACTED] Therefore, a unit of the
62d AAA Div (US) of the Third Gds Necz Army which went to Justrow for
firing practice, must have been concerned. [REDACTED]

(5) The rocket launchers reported from the Zinna Vorstadt [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] probably belonged to the 6th Gds Necz Div of the
Fourth Gds Necz Army. [REDACTED] the
column of trucks seen en route from Markendorf to Justerbog belonged to
the 11th Gds Necz Div.

(6) The officers are not known.

(7) All motor vehicle [REDACTED] belonged to the previous
system and to army troops of the Third Gds Necz Army and the 199th Light
Arty Brig. Similar movements from the same direction which, however,
went to Forst Zinna, were previously reported [REDACTED] These
shipments are indications that the 199th Light Arty Brig was trans-
ferred from its previous quartering area in Behagen to the area in Juster-
bog. However, the information contained in paragraph 12 fails to support
the previous assumption that elements of the artillery brigade were
transferred to the Adolf Hitler Camp. [REDACTED]

(8) Units [REDACTED] stationed in Justerbog until 19 July 1952 in-
clude: The Hq 11th Gds Necz Div [REDACTED] the 19th Gds Necz Regt [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] and the 10th Tank Regt [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Senior Lieute-
nant [REDACTED] (nu) is not known, Lieutenant Zhelestsov (nu) is known from
previous reports as holding this assignment. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]